

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

JEFFREY J. KEE,	:	CIVIL ACTION
Plaintiff,	:	
v.	:	
BLUE LINE DISTRIBUTING, INC.,	:	
a foreign corporation,	:	
Defendant.	:	No.: 07-460

**NOTICE OF REMOVAL  
ON GROUND OF DIVERSITY OF CITIZENSHIP**

TO THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE  
DISTRICT OF DELAWARE:

Defendant Blue Line Distributing, Inc. ("Blue Line") respectfully submits the following Notice of Removal to the United States District Court for the District of Delaware and in support thereof states as follows:

1. There is a certain action presently pending in the Superior Court of Delaware, New Castle County, Delaware bearing docket no. 07C-06-055-MMJ wherein Jeffrey J. Kee is the plaintiff and Blue Line Distributing, Inc. is the named defendant.
2. The Complaint was filed on or about June 4, 2007. A courtesy copy of the Complaint was received by counsel for Blue Line Distributing, Inc. on June 26, 2007. A copy of the Complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and constitutes all process, pleadings and orders to date in this action.
3. The above-described action is a civil action over which this Court has original jurisdiction under the provisions of 28 U.S.C. §1332, and is one which may be removed to this Court by the defendant herein, pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C.

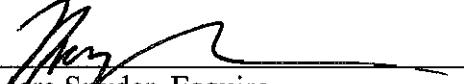
§1441, *et seq.*, in that it is a civil action between citizens of different countries and the matter in controversy exceeds the sum or value of \$75,000, exclusive of interests and costs, to wit:

- (a) Plaintiff is a citizen of the State of Delaware; and
- (b) Defendant Blue Line Distributing, Inc. is a foreign corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Province of Canada with its principal place of business located in Ontario, Canada.

4. This Notice of Removal is being filed within the time period required by law under 28 U.S.C. §1446(b).

WHEREFORE defendant Blue Line Distributing, Inc. respectfully requests that this action now pending against it in the Superior Court of Delaware, New Castle County, Delaware, be removed therefrom to this Court.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE  
IN AND FOR NEW CASTLE COUNTY

JEFFREY J. KEE, )  
Plaintiff, )  
v. ) C. A. No. 07C-06-055-MMJ  
BLUE LINE DISTRIBUTING, INC., ) NON-ARBITRATION CASE  
a foreign corporation, )  
Defendant. ) JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

COMPLAINT

1. The Plaintiff, Jeffrey J. Kee, is a resident of the State of Delaware and resides at 409 Greenhill Avenue, Apt. 1, Wilmington, Delaware 19805.

2. The Defendant Blue Line Distribution, Inc., is a foreign corporation and conducts business at 8175 Lawson Road, Milton, Ontario, Canada M8W 4A3. Upon information and belief, the Defendant conducts business in Delaware and in accordance with 10 Del.C. 3104 service can be made by serving their registered agent The Corporation Trust Company, Corporation Trust Center, 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.

3. On or about January 25, 2007, the Plaintiff was at all times herein relevant exercising due care and was stopped on the shoulder of the roadway with his emergency lights activated near the City of Benton, County of Saline, State of Arkansas.

4. At or about the same time and place the decedent, Milivoj Strbac, who was acting in the course and scope of his employment as the agent and/or employee of Blue Line Distributing, Inc., and was proceeding on Interstate 30, near the City of Benton, County of Saline, State of Arkansas, and caused the vehicle he was operating

EXHIBIT "A"

to leave the roadway and thereafter caused his vehicle to strike Plaintiff's vehicle with force and violence.

5. The tortfeasor was negligent in that he:

- (a) Failed to maintain a proper lookout;
- (b) Failed to maintain proper control over his vehicle;
- (c) Operated his motor vehicle in a careless manner in violation of 21 Del.C. §4176(a);
- (d) Operated his motor vehicle in an imprudent manner in violation of 21 Del.C. §4176(a);
- (e) Operated his vehicle without due regard for road and traffic conditions then existing in violation of 21 Del.C. §4176(a);
- (f) Failed to maintain a proper lookout in violation of 21 Del.C. §4176(b);
- (g) Failed to give his full time and attention to the operation of his motor vehicle in violation of 21 Del.C. §4176(b);
- (h) Failed to control the speed of his motor vehicle as was necessary to avoid colliding with another vehicle on the highway in violation of 21 Del.C. §4168;
- (i) Drove on the shoulder of the road.

6. Each of the aforementioned acts of negligence of the tortfeasor is attributable to the Defendant by reason of the doctrine of respondeat superior.

7. Each of the aforementioned acts of negligence of the Defendant constitutes the proximate cause of the collision and injuries and damages resulting to the Plaintiff.

8. As a proximate result of the aforesaid negligence of the Defendant, the Plaintiff has suffered the following injuries and damages:

- (a) Personal injuries all of which may be permanent;
- (b) Pain and suffering;
- (c) Medical expenses not covered by 21 Del. C. §2118, plus future medical expenses.

- (d) Lost wages not covered by 21 Del.C. §2118, plus future lost wages and loss of earning capacity.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendant for personal injuries, pain and suffering, past and future medical expenses, past and future lost wages, interest pursuant to 6 Del. C.§2301(d), and court costs.

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## CIVIL COVER SHEET

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The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE REVERSE OF THE FORM.)

<b>I. (a) PLAINTIFFS</b> Jeffrey J. Kee		<b>DEFENDANTS</b> Blue Line Distributing, Inc.	
(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff <u>New Castle</u> (EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)		County of Residence of First Listed Defendant (IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)	
		NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE LAND INVOLVED. <u>55</u>	
(c) Attorney's (First Name, Address, and Telephone Number) Gary S. Nitsche Weik, Nitsche, Dougherty & Comptonovoi 1300 N. Grant Avenue, Suite 101 Wilmington, DE 18989		Attorneys (If Known) Marc H. Snyder, Esquire Rosen, Moss, Snyder & Bleefeld, L.L.P., 1813 Marsh Road, Suite D, Wilmington, DE 19810	
<b>II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION</b> (Place an "X" in One Box Only)		<b>III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES</b> (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)	Citizen of This State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PTF <input type="checkbox"/> DEF	Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State <input type="checkbox"/> PTF <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEF
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 U.S. Government Defendant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)	Citizen of Another State <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 2	Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 5
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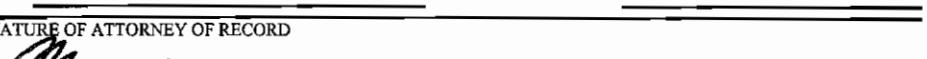
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<b>V. ORIGIN</b> (Place an "X" in One Box Only)											
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<b>VI. CAUSE OF ACTION</b>		Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity): 28 USC Section 1332									
		Brief description of cause: Motor Vehicle/Tractor Trailer personal injury									

<b>VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23	DEMAND \$	CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint: JURY DEMAND: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No							
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<b>VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY</b>		(See instructions): JUDGE		DOCKET NUMBER							
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Via Overnight Mail

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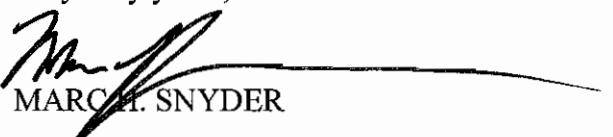
RE: Jeffrey J. Kee v. Blue Line Distributing, Inc.

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find an original and three (3) copies of Defendant's Notice of Removal from State Court to Federal Court. Please file the original and send the time-stamped copies to my office in the enclosed, self-addressed envelope. I have also enclosed check number 1027 in the amount of \$350.00 which represents the filing fee.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

  
MARC H. SNYDER

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Enclosures

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